

Lumley Top-up Scholarship 2026 Recipients

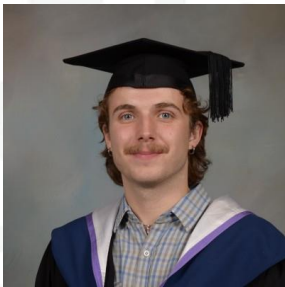
	<p>Full name: Thanh Trung Nguyen Preferred name: Trung</p> <p>Trung is currently pursuing a PhD in Electrical Engineering at Flinders University, focusing on power system optimisation. Trung completed his Masters degree at Murdoch University under the Australia Awards Scholarship. Before commencing his PhD at Flinders University, Trung worked as a lecturer at Electric Power University, Hanoi, Vietnam.</p> <p>Trung's PhD research focuses on advanced optimisation of modern standalone hybrid renewable energy systems integrating renewable energy sources, energy storage systems, and electric vehicles.</p>
	<p>Full name: Alicia Dallisson Preferred name: Alicia</p> <p>Alicia is a PhD candidate in the College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University where she also completed her Bachelor of Medical Science and Honours. Alicia is interested in finding novel, simplified methods to increase bowel cancer screening participation and improve current standard-of-care to reduce cancer incidence and mortality.</p> <p>Alicia's PhD research will assess a new type of bowel cancer screening test to improve cancer prevention and allocation of healthcare resources.</p>
	<p>Full name: Austin Zschech (last name is pronounced 'check') Preferred name: Austin</p> <p>Born and raised in Adelaide's South, Austin developed a love of chemistry in high school, leading to higher studies in chemical science at Flinders University. Austin possesses a passion for processing efficiency and material recycling, which has fed his ambitions to advance industrial chemical and material processing to develop cheaper, cleaner and more profitable material production systems.</p> <p>Austin's PhD research aims to synthetically develop passive, selective chemo-luminescent molecular sensor complexes designed for the rapid targeted detection, quantification and extraction of harmful, long-life water-soluble contaminants and heavy metals in urban and environmental water systems.</p>



Full name: Olivia Zacchigna
Preferred name: Olivia

Olivia grew up creating fond memories by the ocean with her family and friends. This built upon her growing passion for marine science into her tertiary studies. Olivia now holds a Bachelor of Marine Biology and First-Class Science Honours from Flinders University. Olivia aspires to apply the knowledge and skills I have developed to marine environments around the world.

Olivia's PhD research is investigating the microbe and viral dynamics in South Australian seaweeds, with a focus on the production and fate of carbon from seaweeds under stress during marine heatwaves.



Full name: Alex Taylor
Preferred name: Alex

Alex is deeply motivated by understanding and protecting ecosystem health, grounded in the recognition that environmental integrity underpins human well-being, food security, and climate resilience. This perspective led him to study Animal Behaviour and Biodiversity and Conservation at Flinders University, where he developed strong foundations in ecological theory, environmental monitoring, and conservation practice.

Alex's PhD research investigates the emerging field of soil eco-acoustics to support the monitoring and management of soil health that can support sustainable land management, ecosystem restoration and evidence-based environmental policy.